

# William Whyte School Safe Reopening 2020-2021

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## WELCOME BACK!

We are all so excited to be opening our doors and welcoming our students for the 2020-2021 school year. Although there will be some changes, our mission remains the same: to provide a safe learning environment where each student, and staff member, can reach his or her full potential.



In this plan you will find information to help you understand what to expect when you send your child(ren) to William Whyte School and hope to answer any questions you may have. Changes have been made to help keep everyone safe and follow both Winnipeg School Division and provincial recommendations. All staff will be trained on these new protocols prior to school opening for students. Please note that guidelines may change as health recommendations from the province change. We will provide you with new information throughout the school year.

We understand there will be additional challenges ahead and are dedicated to addressing those challenges together as a community. We want to thank all our families for your patience, understanding and support.

As teachers start back on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will be contacting families to inform you of the classroom placements for this school year.

Please reach out to us with any questions, concerns, thoughts you may have. All contact information can be found at the end of this plan on the "Communication" page.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Stay safe and take care.

Wendy Verbong  
Principal

Dan Braga  
Vice Principal

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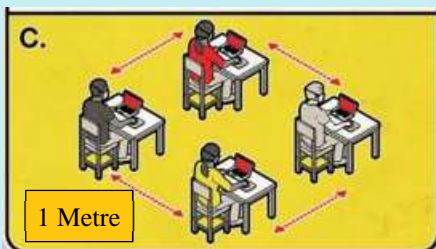
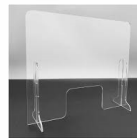


## A SAFE START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Our custodians have been busy during the summer making sure we are ready for a safe return. They have planned for frequent cleaning and sanitization daily throughout the school.

Other safety measures include:

- Staff will self-screen before coming to work.
- Signage and visual cues throughout the school reminding everyone about physical distancing and good hygiene practices
- A supply of masks, sanitizer and sanitizer stations and cleaning supplies
- Staff training on good hygiene practices and wearing of masks. Teachers will model, teach and reinforce regularly
- Use of plexiglas shield in the Office
- Bulk purchase of school supplies for individual use, totes for personal belongings and learning materials that can easily be cleaned and sanitized



## COHORTS

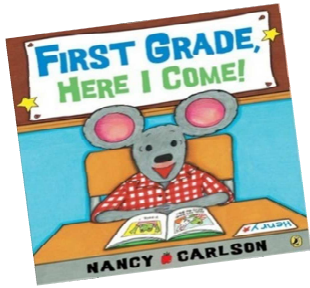
Each classroom will be a cohort or single group with a maximum of 20 to 25 students to maintain 1 metre distancing. They will have their own recess schedule and play area and in-class lunch program.

## RECESS

William Whyte's playground is a safe environment for students to play in.

- Additional supervision to monitor physical distancing and safety
- Each cohort will have their own recess equipment which is sanitized between recesses
- Handwashing before and after play
- Provides a mask-free break



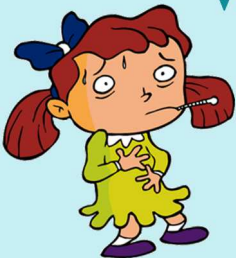


## PREPARING YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL

- ✓ **Parents/Caregivers must monitor and pre-screen** their child/children each day before school to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) **must stay home.**
- ✓ See this link for the screening tool: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>  
The Screening Tool is available in Interactive Voice Response (IVR) format.  
**Call 1-877-308-9038**
- ✓ **Pack a filled water bottle.** Water fountains will not be operating at this time. Children may bring individual snacks. Sorry, no sharing at this time.
- ✓ If your child is staying for lunch, please ensure you pack food that **does not require re-heating.**
- ✓ **It is required for all students and staff in Grades 4 – 12 to wear a mask as well as those students who ride the bus.** Younger children can wear a mask too. If wearing a mask is new to your child, encourage him/her to practice wearing a mask this week for extended periods of time.



## WHEN A CHILD OR STAFF BECOMES ILL



- If a child or staff member develops any symptoms at school they must go home immediately for their safety and the safety of others.
- An ill child will be removed from their classroom, given a mask, and taken to our designated Medical Room to rest while being monitored by a staff member.
- You will be contacted to pick up your child as soon as possible. Please make sure the school has your most up to date contact information. Plan to have a designated person if you are unable to pick up your child.
- Please use the “Student Receiving Door” at the southwest corner, near the pool, to pick up your child. When you, or designate arrive, please call the school at 204- 589-4313 and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- If a COVID-19 case is known, we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.



## ENTRY

## DAILY ROUTINES

To practice physical distancing and accommodate screening and sanitizing procedures, all students will be required to use designated doors for all entry and exit purposes. Students will be met outside by their teacher in their marked designated area upon arrival at 8:55am and 12:55pm. Teachers will also dismiss students out their designated doors at 12:00pm and at 3:30pm.



- West Gym Door (Magnus Ave) by the pool area
- Rooms 103 (Kindergarten) and 106



- Front Doors (Powers Ave.)
- Rooms 101, 202, 203, 212, 214



- Manitoba Ave. side doors
- Room 102 (Nursery/Kindergarten)



- Playground Doors (Andrews St.)
- Rooms 205, 206, 207, 208, 209

### Upon Arrival at 8:55am and 12:55pm

**All students will line up** at their assigned doors in physically distanced spots.



**School Entry Screening** will be given by staff before entering the school to check for symptoms.

**Students who arrive late** will enter through the front doors and press the buzzer. A staff member will greet them and conduct the screening before taking them to their classroom.

### Dismissal at 11:30am (Nursery), 12:00pm and 3:30pm

**Students will be dismissed from their assigned doors.** Pickups will happen outside. Staff members will be monitoring closely to ensure all students are leaving safely.

**Late pickups** - A staff member will assist the student and designate a waiting area until the parent or caregiver arrives.

## PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND VISITORS

Unfortunately Parents/Caregivers and Visitors will need to call to talk to teachers or administration or set up an appointment as access to the building is limited.

If you need to pick up your child/children early, please call the Office in advance at 204-589-4313. When you arrive through the front doors, please use the buzzer and a staff member will walk your child/children out to you.

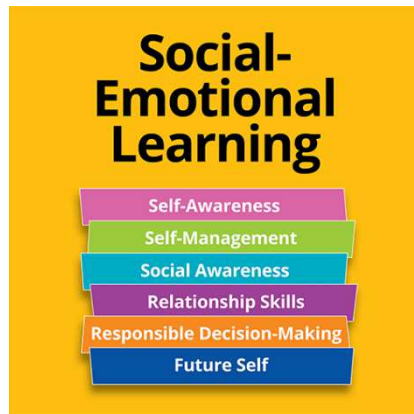




## LEARNING AND WELL-BEING

Before a child can learn they need to feel safe and cared for. This is our priority. Staff are prepared to support families and support students who are experiencing mixed emotions and uncertainty as they return to school.

### Learning Focus will include Social Emotional Learning and Mindfulness



- A gradual start to the morning including mindfulness practices in the classroom each morning. Individual breakfast servings will be made available.
- Zones of Regulation strategies
- Direct teaching and practice of skills
- Individual support provided by our Support Team and Clinical Support Services Team

### Academic Focus will be on Literacy, Numeracy, and STEAM



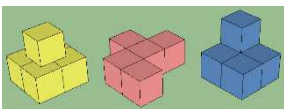
- Recovery Learning to address learning needs as identified



- N/K Talk to Me for oral language development as key to Language Arts learning



- Read to Me Framework in all Gr. 1-2 classrooms for enhanced reading instruction



- Math Programming with an emphasis on oral language and authentic investigations throughout the school



- STEAM focus to make learning meaningful and increase motivation and engagement



➤Classes will take place outside as much as possible. Please ensure your child/children are dressed for the weather.



➤Physical Education Classes will take place outside whenever possible to provide a mask break and physical distancing



➤Art classes will take place in their cohort classrooms or outside (weather permitting). Students will be given individual supplies and frequent handwashing will be practiced.



➤Music, Drama and Dance will be integrated in the regular classroom programing and follow distancing and handwashing practices. At this time, singing and the use of wind instruments is not permitted



➤Grade 7 & 8 Industrial Arts Program will be adapted and take place in their cohort classrooms. Further information will be provided once the program resumes.



➤Classrooms will open windows where possible to provide additional ventilation. The school ventilation system is set up electronically to provide the maximum fresh air intake possible throughout the day.



➤Lunch program will take place in cohort classrooms. Students will bring a lunch that is ready to eat. We will not be heating lunches. There will be no sharing of any food.



➤After lunch, students will remain in their cohorts for outdoor play, following the recess routines and structure.

# INFORMATION LINKS



Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx>

Link to WSD Pandemic Planning Framework:

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Framework%20for%20School%20Planning%20during%20pandemic%20WEB.pdf>

Homeschooling Information:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

Return to School Information for Parents/Guardians:

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf)




Parent/Guardian FAQs:

[https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/parent\\_guardian\\_faq.pdf](https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/parent_guardian_faq.pdf)

Restoring Safe Schools:

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf)

- 1**  Before putting on a mask, wash hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
- 2**  Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask  
Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
- 3**  Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks
- 4**  To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; wash hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water

## Take the Time to Wash Your Hands

It's the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs



Wet hands with running water. Apply soap and scrub palms, backs of hands, wrists, between fingers and under nails. Scrub for at least 20 seconds. Rinse thoroughly under running water. Dry hands with a single use towel. Use the towel to turn off the faucet. No soap and water? Use hand sanitizer. Apply enough product on hands to cover all surfaces, and rub hands until they're dry.

**CCOHS.ca**  
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

# COMMUNICATION

## Sharing of Information



To support our students and families, updated information will be shared through a variety of ways:

- Winnipeg School Division Website: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/>
- William Whyte Website: [wmwhyte@wsd1.org](mailto:wmwhyte@wsd1.org)
- Safe Arrival - School Messenger via email and phone messages
- Letters Home, Newsletters, Telephone calls



## How To Contact Us

Please reach out to us with questions, concerns, or to share information with us:

-  School Phone - 204-589-4313
-  General email: [wmwhyte@wsd1.org](mailto:wmwhyte@wsd1.org)



## Meet Our Teams

### *Our Early Years Team*

Room 102, Nursery/Kindergarten - Ms. Kost  
Room 103, Kindergarten - Ms. Hobson  
Room 205, Grade 1 - Mr. Theissen  
Room 209, Grade 1/2 - Ms. Cook  
Room 106, Grade 2 - Ms. Budge  
Room 206, Grade 3/4 - Ms. Degagne  
Room 207, Grade 3/4 - Ms. Jones  
Room 208, Grade 4 - Ms. Lewis  
Room 203, LAC - Ms. McCluskey

### *Our Middle Years Team*

Room 202, Grade 5/6 - Ms. Madden  
Room 212, Grade 5/6 - Ms. Truthwaite AM/Ms. Kost PM  
Room 101, Grade 7/8 - Ms. Murray  
Room 214, Grade 7/8 - Mr. Purdy

### *Our Support Team*

Phys. Ed - Mr. Smith  
Art - Ms. Cloutier  
Reading Recovery/Lit Support - Mr. Klowak  
Literacy Support - Ms. Titley  
Inclusive Education Resource - Mr. Robins  
Behaviour Support - Ms. Henderson

### *Our Community Support Team*

Comm. Support Worker – Bonnie Predenchuk  
Comm. Support Worker - Patricia Olson

### *Our Clinical Support Services Team*

Reading Clinician – Kim Siwak  
Speech & Language – Jade McKenzie  
Psychologist – Allie Smith  
Social Worker – Kim Shier